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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. **FURTHER ACTION**

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Box No. I

Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
☐ This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language
_____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
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4. Additional comments:

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>1-15</u>	YES
	Claims _____	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims _____	YES
	Claims <u>1-15</u>	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-15</u>	YES
	Claims _____	NO

2. Citations and explanations:

Document 1: JP 2002-296422 A (Konica Corp.) 09 October 2002, Full text; all drawings
Document 2: JP 3-23405 A (Kuraray Co., Ltd.) 31 January 1991, Full text; all drawings
Document 3: JP 2-191904 A (Fuji Photo Film Co., Ltd.) 27 July 1990, Full text
Document 4: JP 2003-315554 A (Nitto Denko Corp.) 06 November 2003, Full text; all drawings & WO 03/71319 A1

The inventions of claims 1-6 do not appear to involve an inventive step based on documents 1-3 cited in the ISR. Document 1 (Par. Nos. 0005-0007) discloses the point about stretching a polymer film in its width direction. Documents 2 and 3 disclose the point about when the polymer film is being stretched, simultaneously allowing it to shrink in keeping with a specific ratio in a direction vertical to its stretching direction. Therefore, the inventions of claims 1-6 can be easily conceived of by a party skilled in the art by applying the point described in documents 2 and 3 to the invention described in document 1.

The inventions of claims 7 and 8 do not appear to involve an inventive step based on documents 1-4 cited in the ISR. Further refer to the description in document 4 (Par. Nos. 0106-0108).

The inventions of claims 9-15 do not appear to involve an inventive step based on documents 1-4. All of the matters additionally specified in claims 9-15 are well known.